



March 18, 2020

Dear Palisades Community,

We will continue to distribute breakfast and lunch “go bags” at our Tinicum Elementary School location during our district closure. This distribution location is approved for ALL students in the Palisades School District. Again, Tinicum Elementary School is the only location approved to distribute breakfast and lunch to ALL students.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION UPDATE...Second site opens next week at PHS for Free and Reduced Lunch Recipients Only:

We received an additional waiver from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to begin serving breakfast and lunch “go bags” to K-12 students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. Therefore, beginning Monday, March 23rd, we will distribute FREE breakfast and lunch “go bags” at Palisades High School. Only qualifying students will be served at this location; however, all students will continue to be served at Tinicum. Bags will be distributed at these locations from 11AM until 12:30PM.

This drive through service will be provided at the high school behind the Cybersonics Building on the gold gym/tennis court side of the building. Directional signs will be posted and administrators will be on site to guide you. Again, we are asking that you stay in your vehicle when picking up your food items.

Due to a change in family income, if you feel as though your family may now qualify for Free and Reduced Lunches, please go to this website to complete the application [www.paschoolmeals.com](http://www.paschoolmeals.com) - allow 24 hours after submission of application for notification of approval.

**Other District Information:**

School Board Meetings: At this time, the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will occur on April 1, 2020. More information regarding the details of the meeting including public participation, the meeting agenda and format are forthcoming.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: All parent-teacher conferences which are scheduled for April, will be postponed. Updated information will be sent to parents/guardians.

Enrichment Opportunities for Students: Please refer to the link below for updated enrichment opportunities for students to keep their skills sharp during our district closure.

[https://www.palisd.org/for\\_parents\\_students/enrichment\\_learning\\_opportunities](https://www.palisd.org/for_parents_students/enrichment_learning_opportunities)

Using Twitter to Share Learning: Whether using some of the online enrichment activities we've shared or finding ways to learn something new while at home, we'd love to see what you are up to! Feel free to Tweet your picture with a description of what enrichment activity is taking place and use the hashtag **#palisdlearns**

All you need is a Twitter account! You can sign up for one by [following this link](#). We'll like, retweet, and comment on all the great learning that continues to happen throughout the school closure. #learningneverstops #palisd

Facilities: Once again, by order of the governor, our district remains closed. Please note that a closure includes all buildings, as well as athletic facilities (tennis courts, track, turf field, etc.).

The Bucks County Park system remains open for your use

<http://www.buckscounty.org/government/ParksandRecreation>. In speaking with Scott Forester, Emergency Management/Services Director he asked that you please adhere to social distancing while at the parks (no picnics or large family gatherings). State parks are also open to access trails; however, facilities including bathrooms and offices are closed.



Tinicum Elementary School also has a Lending Library, located outside of the building where meals are being distributed. Stop by and pick up a good book!

Standardized Testing: I have not received any information regarding changes to our state-mandated assessments (PSSA/Keystone Exams); however, the College Board made the decision to cancel the SAT test on May 2, 2020 and will be posting additional information by March 20th about the SAT for 11th grade students which is currently scheduled for April. For more information on the SAT please visit the College Board website [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### **Community Information:**

Mental Health Resources: Here are two additional resources from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMSHA) for those who may be feeling stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time.

(See flyers linked below)

Palisades Community Foundation 5K: This event scheduled for Saturday, May 16th will be postponed. Stay tuned for the new date, however, for your health and safety, it is ok if you are continuing to train and run!

Donations: Again, thank you to all who have reached out to offer support to the Palisades community! Here are just a few ways that you can help:

- Kremmers is a local community kitchen that has food delivery services and they are in the process of receiving donations, as well as creating a new plan for senior citizens that would allow them to deliver meals for free to homes during this time of need. For more information, please visit <http://www.kremmerscommunitykitchen.com/>
- The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville is in need of the following items - paper products, soap, baby wipes, diapers, Chunky Soups, canned meats, fresh fruits, bagged salads, and any protein items (other than peanut butter). The pantry is open on Mondays from 2-5PM, Tuesdays 9:30-11:30AM, and Thursdays 9:30AM-1:30PM.
- Donations can be made to Palisades Community Foundation (PCF) to help support needs for families in the district. Checks can be made payable to Palisades Community Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 194, Kintnersville, PA 18930 or you can visit [www.palisadescommunityfoundation.org](http://www.palisadescommunityfoundation.org) - your donations are welcome in any amount and they are tax deductible.
- The United Way has launched a campaign called the Bucks County Recovery Fund to help those who may not be receiving a paycheck at this time. To learn more about this fund organized by the United Way to help families throughout Bucks County, please follow this link: <https://www.uwbucks.org/COVIDrecovery/>
- Please consider donating blood if you are healthy. As a result of the coronavirus many blood drives have been cancelled leading to shortages. Both Miller Keystone Blood Center - <https://www.giveapint.org/> - and the American Red Cross - [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) - are accepting donations. Please contact them directly to schedule your appointment.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget O'Connell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Bridget O'Connell  
Superintendent

Email Your Questions: In an effort to be responsive to your questions about this closure, we have set up an email address dedicated to this topic. Responses to items that come through this account will either be included in the daily briefing if they relate to a broader issue or will receive a direct response within 36 hours of receipt. Please use this address for questions and comments related to the current closure [closureconcerns@palisd.org](mailto:closureconcerns@palisd.org)